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1. United States Patent No. 4,857,699, issued to Walter W. Duley et al. on August 15, 1989 (**Exhibit 1**);
2. United States Patent No. 5,164,565, issued to Ginetto Addiego and Francois J. Henley on November 17, 1992 (**Exhibit 2**);
3. United States Patent No. 5,227,608, issued to Yoshikazu Yoshida et al. on July 13, 1993 (**Exhibit 3**);

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4. United States Patent No. 5,841,099, issued to Mark D. Owen et al. on November 24, 1998 (**Exhibit 4**);
5. United States Patent No. 5,934,195, issued to Ronald A. Rinke et al. on August 10, 1999 (**Exhibit 5**);

The above listed references were cited in a search and examination report issued on October 25, 2002 by the Austrian Patent Office to the Registry of Patents of Singapore in connection with the Singapore priority. This report was forwarded to applicants' attorneys in Singapore on November 12, 2002 and received by them on November 13, 2002. A copy of the search report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. It is believed the no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) is required in connection with this submission of this Information Disclosure Statement because a first Office Action has not yet been issued in this application. However, if needed, an appropriate certification can and will be made.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

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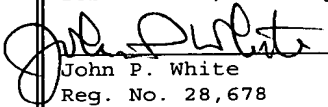
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